

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

- 8:00AM Maria Sannino (*Rachele Sannino*)
 9:30AM Maddalena Geremia (*Mastrosimone Family*)
 11:00AM Carmela Zinerco (*Taranto Family*)
 12:30PM Thomas Bartolotto (*Loving Family*)
 Ernesto Broomes (*Lauren Johnson*)
 Josephine Colella (*Maria & Felice Pugliese*)
 Anthony Fusco (*Scanlon Family*)
 Maria Gangi Dino (*Maria & Felice Pugliese*)
 Christopher Gullo (*Loving Family*)
 Enza Spiniello (*Guerriero Family*)
 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

- 9:00AM Det. Dennis Murphy (*Jordan Family*)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

- 9:00AM Mary J. Corrigan (*Mary Jo & Will Vendittelli*)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

ASH WEDNESDAY

- 7:00AM For The Parishioners
 9:00AM Fred Spagnuolo (*Loving Wife*)
 11:00AM Scott Groves (*Mary Ann Kellen*)
 1:00PM Parish Prayer Service
 3:00PM Parish Prayer Service
 5:00PM Parish Prayer Service
 7:30PM Carmela Hamill (*Mary Ann Kellen*)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

- 9:00AM Josephine & Thomas D'Antonio (*Joy & Sons*)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

- 9:00AM Purgatorial Society Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020

- 9:00AM Endy Solano (*Susan Polvorosa*)
 5:00PM Vincent Corrado (*M/M Grant*)
 Anthony Cosenza (*Salerno Family*)
 Thomas C. Farrell (*Loving Children*)
 Marcella Gallagher (*McCosker Family*)
 Damiano Gambino (*Bujas Family*)
 Carmela Hamill (*St. Helen's Rosarians*)
 Albert Lazaro (*Vita & Paul*)
 Cathy J. Maloney (*Julie Dimler*)
 Josephine Martire (*Linda Mossa*)
 William J. Sangirardi (*Dr. Aida Jocson*)

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

- 8:00AM George & Claire Cox
 9:30AM Joseph Meshak (*Longo Family*)
 11:00AM Joseph Scoria (*Loving Wife*)
 12:30PM Vincenza Baccellini (*M/M Sal Leone*)
 Josephine Colella (*Loving Family*)
 Anthony & Clara DeVito (*Linda DeSantis*)
 Marcella Gallagher (*St. Helen's Rosarians*)
 Carmela Hamill (*Antal Family*)
 Cathy J. Maloney (*Karen & Tom Richardson*)
 Joseph Resch (*Delano Family*)
 5:00PM For The Parishioners

St. Helen's Purgatorial Society Mass

All parishioners have the opportunity to enroll the names of loved ones in the Purgatorial Society. The Purgatorial Society Mass will be held on the **last Friday of each month**. The offering to be enrolled in the Purgatorial Society is \$120 per name (a total of 12 Masses for one year will be said for your loved one). Aside from listing one name, a husband and wife together, or a family name is also acceptable. Having a Purgatorial Society is wonderful way of living out the Scriptures and will be a relief for those who desire to have their loved ones remembered with prayers all year long at God's Altar. Please stop in at the Rectory if you are interested in having a loved one enrolled in the Purgatorial Society. **The next Purgatorial Society Mass will be held Friday, February 28, 2020.**



GOOD SHEPHERD STATUE

We would like to thank **Edith Diniro**, who kept the statue this past week. Anyone interested in keeping the statue in their home and praying for vocations for one week should contact the Rectory.

St. Helen's Support Group for the Physically Challenged meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 1:30PM in the Rectory meeting room. All are invited. For further information please call Joan at (718) 848-9173.



Amado Araneta, William J. Barbiero, Joe Barrreca, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Lynn Boutureira, Daniel Campion, Sally Capozziello, Ann Castellano, Shang Cheng, Zena Cipolla, Anthony Corozzo, Arsenio DaRita, Marge D'Auria, Patrick Delaney, Domenica DeVito, Virginia DiGangi, Richard H. Dimler, Mary Divers, Jennie Federici, Jean Fochetta, Clementine Gagliardi, Dennis Giammalvo, Margaret Giam-pietro, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Joan Grieco, Gertrude Gwardjak, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Marilyn Krajcik, Keri & Baby Tristan, Elaine Lazzari, Susan Leone, James Leung, Patricia Lipari, William J. Litt, Tom Mercatante, Barbara Miller, Angela Otomanelli-Hubbs, Michael Palermo, Frank Palmenteri, Sebastian Panasci, Santo Pantina, Vivian Doris Pecchillo, Phillip Pecchillo, Nino Pedone, Amelia Pepe, Joseph Questore, Frances Russo, John Secreti, Patrick Smith, Remington Stafford, Michael Tamburo, Rubie Lynn Torres, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Sr. Joanne Walters.

Rest in Peace: Giuseppa Adamo, John DeVita, Antonino Madonia, Joseph Marsala, Dominick Papa, Carmela Siragusa



A statue of St. Francis of Assisi is more than a bird feeder, and neither is he only a Saint for animals. He is a Saint of ecology, peace and all good. If you have a desire to learn more about Franciscan charism, you are most welcome to join us on the **third Saturday of the month** after the 9:00AM Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room for our gathering. We look forward to seeing you there. Light refreshments will be offered. God bless you!



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2020

Masses: 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM
Liturgies of the Word: 1PM, 3PM & 5PM
Evening Masses: 7:30PM

Ashes will be distributed only during the Masses and Prayer Services. Anyone planning to receive ashes should arrive for the beginning of whichever ceremony they plan to attend and should remain for the entirety of that ceremony.

REGULATIONS CONCERNING FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of mandatory fasting and abstinence from meat.
- All Fridays in Lent are days of mandatory abstinence from meat.
- The obligation to fast applies to those aged 18-59.
- The obligation to abstain from meat applies to those aged 14 and older.
- Those fasting may eat only one normal-sized meal. Two smaller meals may be eaten, if needed for strength. These smaller meals together should not equal a normal-sized meal. No food may be eaten between meals.
- The bishops of the United States recommend voluntary fasting on the other weekdays of Lent. It is a praiseworthy tradition to fast on Holy Saturday, until the Easter Vigil.
- It is worth remembering that every Friday of the year is a day of penance, unless a solemnity falls on a Friday. In the United States, on Fridays outside of Lent, one may choose either to abstain from eating meat or to perform some other act of penance.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2020

Stations of the Cross: Every Monday in Lent at 12:30PM (*with School children*)
With Benediction Every Friday evening at 7:30PM

Weekday Masses: Monday—Saturday: 9:00AM Mondays & Tuesdays at 7:30PM

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:00PM
 Sunday: 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM & 5:00PM

Confessions: Monday—Friday at 8:45AM
 Saturdays 12:30-1:30PM, or by appointment (please call Rectory)

RECONCILIATION MONDAY: APRIL 6, 2020

Throughout the N.Y. region, this day is set aside for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in preparation for Easter. Here at St. Helen, the opportunity for the Sacrament will be offered from **3:00PM thru 8:00PM**.

You're Invited to Participate in CRS Rice Bowl!

We are called. Join our parish—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Lenten packet from Church this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

ST. HELEN PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

Karl Albrecht (*Florence Albrecht*)
All Souls in Purgatory (*Kathleen Cocchiola*)
Amato & Sannino Family (*Rachele Sannino*)
Anzalone & Azzato Family (*Mr. & Mrs. Peter Anzalone*)
John Ardito (*Monica & Frank Ottomanelli*)
Charles & Angela Barreca (*Loving Son & Daughter*)
Thomas A. Barreca (*Loving Brother & Sister*)
Mario & Angelina Barrella (*Loving Family*)
Beltrani-Greco Family (*Dino & Clem Bono*)
Gina Bender (*Loving Aunt & Uncle*)
Frank W. Bitetto (*Barbara Bitetto*)
Paul Anthony Bono (*Mom & Dad*)
Azea Braganza (*Rachele Sannino*)
Dr. Peter J. Calabretta (*Steven Giusto*)
Nancy & Emanuel Camelliri (*Constance & Joseph Camelliri*)
Mary Camelo & Joshua Basin (*Zena Basin*)
Giuseppe & Maria Caputo (*Loving Son, Rosario*)
Julianne Caputo (*Loving Dad*)
Antoinette & Silvio Casazza (*Maria Russo*)
Casillo Family (*Loving Family*)
Anthony J. Catalanotto (*Loving Family*)
Maria Chiaramonte (*Loving Daughter & Son*)
John Chiarello (*Donna & Joseph Palagonia*)
C. Joseph & Laura Chiarello (*Lois Chiarello*)
Vi & Joseph Cimo (*Loving Niece*)
Jerry Codispoti (*Loving Family*)
Claire Louise Colamaria (*Fr. Colamaria*)
Corrigan-Vendittelli Family (*Loving Family*)
Emilia Cuttone (*Loving Sister & Niece*)
Vincent J. D'Amato (*D'Amato Family*)
Salvatore D'Angelo (*Loving Family*)
Deceased Brothers of Council #197 (*Knights of Columbus*)
John DeRiso (*Rachele Sannino*)
Concetta & Pasquale DeSantis (*Linda DeSantis*)
Joseph Digristina (*Loving Wife & Daughter*)
William F. DiPietra (*Helen & Frank DiPietra*)
Giovanni Escobar Londono (*Loving Mother*)
John & Anna Falco (*Loving Family*)
Louise & Vincent Festa (*Annette & Martin Gould*)
Giustina & Ralph Fiore (*Loving Daughter & Granddaughter*)
William & Rose Fioto (*Amelia Pepe*)
Frank Fogliano (*Loving Family*)
John T. Gallagher (*Loving Family*)
Marcela Gallagher (*Deidre McVey*)
Gidaro-Izzo Families (*Loving Family*)
Giunta-Bernardo Family (*Jean Bernardo*)
Theresa Giusto (*Linda DeSantis*)
Gorycki Family (*Helen Repstad*)
Gwardjak & Kosinski Family (*Daughter*)
Pasquale Izzo (*Loving Family*)
Jaskot & Wolynski Families (*Joan Szatkowski*)
Eddie Juba (*Barbara Dorme*)
Rose LaMantia (*Joan DeRiso*)
Michael & Mary Leccese (*Jo-Ann & Phyllis Leccese*)
Dominick & Angelina Librizzi (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
Mary Ann Luciani (*Rachele Sannino*)
Lumetta-MacDonnell Family (*Pauline Mantineo*)
Macaluso Family (*Loving Family*)
Justine Nigra Maguire (*Connie Chwalek*)

Jennie Maniscalco (*Loving Son*)
Michael J. Mannarino (*Loving Granddaughter*)
Alexander Miraglia (*Marie Miraglia*)
Rocco & Phyllis Miranti (*Loving Family*)
Lillian & Charles Monastero (*Vita Monastero*)
Theresa & Mary Montelbano (*Rose Anne Lepani*)
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mullalley (*Jane Orban*)
Margaret Murphy (*Loving Family*)
Mark Myers (*Christopher & Nicole Delano*)
Ralph Napolitano (*Thomas Delloiacono*)
Maggie O'Dee (*Loving Friend*)
Richard Orban (*Jane Orban*)
Joan Mary Orban-Jones (*Orban Family*)
Joseph P. Ottomanelli (*Frank & Monica Ottomanelli*)
Joseph Pecorella (*Loving Family*)
Dominick Pepe (*Amelia Pepe*)
Joseph Pepe (*Amelia Pepe*)
Pepe-Bitetto Family (*Barbara Bitetto*)
Marie & Annie Putorti (*Loving Friend*)
Joseph Quagliariello (*Quagliariello Family*)
Questore Family (*Joseph Questore*)
Antonino Raia (*Loving Family*)
Kathleen Rammelkamp (*Charles Rammelkamp*)
Francis Vincent Rand (*Loving Family*)
Joanne Rebecchi (*Cynthia Ottomanelli*)
Renschak-Trotta Family (*Loving Family*)
Felicita Reyes (*Loving Family*)
Maria & Luciano Sannino (*Rachele Sannino*)
Benito & Leonila Santiago (*Loving Family*)
Angela Savio (*Rachele Sannino*)
Linda & James Scagnelli (*Heedles Family*)
Dorothy Schmitt (*Loving Friend*)
Kay & Walter Schretzman (*John Schretzman*)
Frank T. Serpico (*Serpico Family*)
Father Kenneth Slattery, C.M. (*Deidre McVey*)
Casimir Szatkowski (*Loving Family*)
Zenon & Rozalia Szczesny (*Daughter & Family*)
Celeste Taliercio (*Kris Schiavone*)
Frank & Ann Tomitz (*Patricia*)
Maryann E. Tomitz (*Patricia*)
Margaret Tucci (*Loving Sister & Niece*)
Turrigiano Family (*Antoinette Turrigiano*)
Walter & Elizabeth Ujazdowski (*Quagliariello Family*)
Albert F. Valenzuela (*Loving Family*)
Carl Vigliarolo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Frank J. Vigliarolo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Gloria Weber (*Joan DeRiso*)
Phyllis Jean Zanghi (*Mom, Dad & Joe B.*)
Mary Zurick (*Sophia Gadinis*)



DRIVE FOR THE TROOPS

SPONSORED BY THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP



Last year, our parish began a new way of collecting for our Troops both here and abroad. We requested either military **EXCHANGE** gift cards or monetary donations. This more efficient way of donating saved the huge cost of shipping items overseas. The **EXCHANGE** gift cards can be used only by military personnel at all **EXCHANGE** shopping facilities worldwide and online. The response to our request was overwhelming and we collected **\$3,300** for our troops!! This money was used to purchase **EXCHANGE** gifts cards which were then donated to our liaison at the Marine Corp. League. Some of the cards were given to wounded military at Bethesda Military Hospital. The rest were sent to our active military overseas.

EXCHANGE gift cards can be purchased at www.shopmyexchange.com. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, the parish will once again use **ALL MONEY** collected to purchase these gift cards.

Please bring your monetary donation or **EXCHANGE** gift cards
to Church during our

DRIVE FOR THE TROOPS on the **weekend of February 29/March 1.**

Special "DRIVE FOR THE TROOPS" envelopes will be available at the doors. You may also put your envelope in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory at any time. Thank you in advance for your endless generosity.

This Lent, draw closer to the One who nourishes us with His Body and Blood

Join us for a video study presented by Notre Dame scripture scholar Brant Pitre. Discover *why* the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Learn how Jesus' sacrifice is prefigured in the Old Testament and in Jewish history. Understand and defend the doctrine of the Real Presence with trust and confidence.



- Where:** Our Lady of Grace Community Center
- When:** Thursdays 7-9PM. We begin with a Holy Hour and Orientation on Thursday, February 27th. First class is Thursday, March 5th.
- Cost:** \$15 for the study guide.
- To register:** Drop off payment in an envelope to the rectory, attention of Joe Canzoneri. Include your name, phone number and email address when registering
- Questions?** Contact Deacon Alex Breviario (alexbnyc@aol.com), or Joe Canzoneri (Joe.Canzoneri68@gmail.com)



Parents seeking Baptism for their children *who live within the territory of St. Helen Parish* are asked to register as members of the parish before requesting an initial interview for Baptism. registration is easily done at the parish office anytime during business hours.

Parents seeking Baptism for their children *who live outside the territory of St. Helen Parish* are asked to obtain a letter from the parish in which they live authorizing the Baptism to take place at St. Helen.

Initial meetings with parents seeking Baptism for their children **who have already been born** will normally take place **on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00–9:00PM and on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10:00AM–12:00PM.** Please call 718-738-1616 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Upcoming Mornings of Preparation

(Required Before a Baptism)
(All begin at the 11AM Mass and continue in the Msgr. McGinness Room):
March 8 & 22

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms

(All begin at 2:00PM):
March 8 & 22

St. Helen Catholic Academy News

St. Helen Catholic Academy needs your help. We are looking for someone to assist with searching and applying for grants for our school. As you know, the cost of education is rising each year and grants are a way of us helping maintain costs. We are in need of a volunteer to join our board to assist in researching and writing grant applications. The grant writer will actively search for, and apply for grants that will allow us to continue our goal to provide a quality Catholic education at a reasonable cost. This person should have a passion for education and willingness to help. **If interested, please contact the Academy at (718) 835-4155.**



Congratulations to the following students who have been placed on the **Honor Roll for the second marking period** at Archbishop Molloy High School:

**Anthony De Marino
 Joseph Bruno
 Juliana Borzumato
 Giovanni Dimaiolo
 Briana Diaz
 Julia Fuggetta**

**Lauren Coleman
 Antonio Sobral
 Jaclyn Piazza
 Jordan Conter
 Madeline Miller
 Joseph Brennan**

Rosary for Peace...New Place, New Time

The Rosary for Peace, sponsored by the Saint Helen Secular Franciscan Fraternity, takes place in the Church at 6:30PM every Wednesday. The group prays for our Blessed Mother's intercession to end violence (both domestic and civil) and the persecution of Christians throughout the world. All parishioners are invited to join us. We welcome anyone willing to lead a decade of the Rosary in a language other than English.

LENTEN DISCUSSION SERIES

Rediscover the Saints

At Christmas time Saint Helen Parish distributed 2000 copies of Matthew Kelly's book:

Rediscover the Saints:
Twenty-Five Questions That Will Change Your Life.

Many parishioners have said that the book is a worthy text with interesting topics for discussion. Did you enjoy the book? Do you feel the urge to talk to someone about it? Many do!

During Lent there will be an opportunity to gather in a small group, using a study guide that was created for this book. There will be 6 sessions discussing the 25 chapters of the book (5 chapters per session). Sessions will be held:

Wednesday mornings after the 9:00AM Mass

Beginning Ash Wednesday February 26th -- 5 consecutive Wednesdays
 (Conducted by Agnes Cummings)

and

Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM.

Beginning Thursday February 27th -- 5 consecutive Thursdays
 (Conducted by Deacon Rick Elrose)

*Each session will take approximately 60-90 minutes,
 and all sessions will take place in the Rectory Meeting Room.*